

## **REMARKS**

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for immediate allowance. Early and favorable consideration leading to prompt issuance of this Application is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW ENGLAND BIOLABS, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harriet Strimpel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Harriet" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Strimpel".

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